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REMARKS:

Further consideration of the subject application in light of the remarks which follow is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Numbered paragraph [0001] has been amended to update the continuity of the present application.

Claims 1-48 are pending, wherein Claims 1-48 are subject to a restriction requirement. Claims 1-48 are alleged to represent two (2) separate inventions. Examiner has divided the claims into the following two groups:

Group I, Claims 1-46 drawn to a process for making a dialkyl carbonate and a diol, classified in class 558, subclass 277; and

Group II, Claims 47 and 48, drawn to a process for making polycarbonate, classified in class 558, subclass 265.

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. §121

In compliance with the Examiner's requirement pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §121, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-46, with traverse. This election is being made without prejudice to Applicants' rights with respect to Claims 47 and 48, including the right to file divisional applications thereon. Accordingly, Claims 47 and 48 are hereby withdrawn from further consideration.

Applicants' respectfully submit that the restricted species are within the same field of search, and examination of the claims as filed would expedite prosecution without requiring an unreasonable amount of additional search time. Therefore, examination of the claims as filed does not represent an undue burden.

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Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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